



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 4687
Voinovich For Senate Committee and
Vincent M. Panichi, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Brey:

On November 5, 1997, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On December 9, 1998, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe the Voinovich for Senate Committee violated the Act in connection with this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Lehmann, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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